

Attachment No. 2 to OIZA-230  
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SECURITY INFORMATION

Largo G. Tartini 4  
Rome, Italy  
January 7, 1953

Dear [ ]

[ ] My reply to your verbal message delivered by  
over a week ago has been kicking around on my desk  
because I seem to be having great difficulty framing a  
reply which will not irritate you or endanger our friend-  
ship.

I guess the thing for me to do is to simply make  
a straightforward answer, trusting to your good judgment  
to understand that there is no ill feeling meant in the  
words that I put down in this piece of paper, so with no  
further ado here is my side of the story.

Any remarks I may have made on the subject of  
your discussion with Mr. Alfred Andoni were based upon the  
following:

What right has Vasil Andoni, not even a  
member of the Executive Committee, to act in-  
dependently and unknown to his associates  
(Hasan Dosti claims he knew nothing about it)  
in the name of the National Committee for Free  
Albania?

Since the word "leaked out" that Vasil  
Andoni had instructed his brother Alfred to  
seek an audience with [ ] to

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determine whether or not [ ] really represented the thinking of London and Washington re the re-organization and broadening of the Committee, I was obviously disturbed - first, because I receive my direction from Washington, which coordinates with your office, and, second, because such a move on the part of Andoni was only calculated to undermine the position of [ ] and myself here in Rome.

I also felt that the statement made by you, that "...should a complete impasse be reached in Rome then we would consider asking the Americans whether they would wish to send somebody from Washington to Rome to clear the matter up, whereas we ourselves would also be willing to send a delegate...." was overly emphasized and merchandised by what I call the "professor group" of the Balli Kombetar. This was done with the sole intent of further undermining the positions of the Anglo-American representatives in Rome.

[ ] I must concede that your statement, relayed to me by [ ] to the effect that you propose to see whom you wish, when you wish, expresses a most logical viewpoint. Speaking for myself, I have never interpreted our Valuable-Friend relationship as limiting either London or Washington in this respect, although an effort is made on the Rome political level

to coordinate all Anglo-American policy discussions. In any event, it would be far outside my province to question your right of free speech with any Albanian. I do not, however, feel that this precludes my right to disagree with what you might say, insofar as it affects NCFA or Valuable -Fiend.

I think it will interest you to know that on three recent occasions Zef Pali, the Balli Kombetar professors' representative of the Executive Committee, has reportedly stated that the Balli Kombetar has taken up with London the matter of the recall of [ ] from Rome. He has further stated that the Balli Kombetar got rid of [ ] and that there is no reason to believe the same thing cannot happen to [ ] particularly since there is a new regime in Washington and [ ] was undoubtedly appointed by outgoing office-holders.

[ ] you and I know this is a lot of poppycock. If Pali said such a thing it is only because he is currently miffed because of the Guard Company, the Voice of Free Albania, and Welfare Fund reforms being put into effect. We both know that the matters discussed in this note are not unusual forms of intrigue engaged in by our Albanian associates, and I don't think that you or I

are taken in by them. Neither do I think that it will jeopardize our fine relationship, which I have enjoyed so much during the two years I have been associated with Valuable-Friend.

Sincerely,

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Happy New Year to you and your staff!